

About the application

Application number: 2026/91972	
What is the application for?:	Change of use from public house (Sui Generis) to children's day nursery (Class E
Address of the site or building:	Silent Woman Hotel, Nabbs Lane, Slaithwaite, Huddersfield, HD7 5AU
Postcode:	HD7 5AG

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I would like to express my support for this planning application. High-quality early years childcare is an essential part of any community. It enables parents to return to work, supports children's learning and development, and provides families with greater choice when selecting a setting that best meets their child's individual needs. I appreciate that some residents have raised concerns regarding parking and traffic. These concerns are understandable, and it is important that they are carefully considered. However, traffic associated with nurseries is generally concentrated into short drop-off and collection periods rather than throughout the day. Many families also arrive on foot, share journeys, or have older siblings attending nearby schools, meaning they are already travelling in the area. With sensible management of arrival and collection times, clear communication with parents and responsible parking expectations, I believe these impacts can be minimised. I have also seen comments suggesting that another nursery could negatively affect existing childcare providers. While I understand these concerns, planning decisions should focus on whether the proposed development is suitable for the site rather than limiting healthy choice and competition. Families have different needs, values, opening hours and approaches they look for in childcare, and having a range of providers ultimately benefits the local community. The building itself would be brought back into productive community use rather than remaining underutilised, contributing positively to the local area. A nursery would also create local employment opportunities, support the local economy and provide an important service for both existing and future residents. Overall, I believe the benefits of this proposal outweigh the concerns that have been raised. I therefore hope the application will be approved.	